



BRAC NEWSLETTER

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Leadership changes in BRACD

On 31 December 2012, Ms. Lynne Anderson, the Chief of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Division retired ending a highly successful 30-year Civil Service career. Prior to becoming the Division Chief, Ms. Anderson served over six years as the BRAC Division Deputy overseeing all aspects

of implementation for the Army's highly successful BRAC 2005 program. Mr. Tom Lederle became the BRAC Division Chief on 1 January 2013 succeeding Ms. Anderson. Tom had been the Industrial Branch Chief prior to assuming the Deputy Division Chief job when Ms. Anderson was

elevated to the Division Chief position in 2011. Ms. Renee Terrell will replace Tom as Deputy Division Chief while retaining her current job as Chief of Resource Management (RM). Renee has served in various BRAC Division RM positions for over 15 years.

BRAC Environmental Work Plan Meeting

The semi-annual BRAC Environmental Work Plan Meeting was conducted from 25 February through 1 March 2013. Along with the BRAC Division's resource management and

environmental staff, numerous installation representatives and BRAC environmental coordinators participated in the installation level review of current and future year Legacy BRAC and

BRAC 2005 environmental requirements. The meeting also examined Non-BRAC Excess Installation caretaker requirements.

BRAC Support to Hurricane Sandy Victims

Hurricane Sandy struck New Jersey on 30 October 2012 and Fort Monmouth, a BRAC 2005 closure installation also suffered damage. Though parts of Fort Monmouth were under 2-3 feet of water and there were some buildings on Main Post that had basement flooding, in comparison to more coastal areas, it bore the brunt of the storm relatively well. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was granted

the use of Fort Monmouth's facilities to provide emergency housing for displaced families. The Army Corps of Engineers licensed the Fort Monmouth Lodging Complex and the Megill Housing Area to FEMA for up to 18 months and renovated a total of 115 units for housing displaced families. The BRAC caretaker staff at Fort Monmouth has played a key role in the success of this entire operation.



Megill Circle housing in Camp Charles Wood Residential Historic District.

Property Conveyance Update

To date, the Army has conveyed more than 78% of its over 279,000 Legacy BRAC and BRAC 2005

excess acres and 89% of the over 105,000 acres Non-BRAC excess installation property. Efforts continue

towards reaching the FY13 Goal with 749 of the 13,718 acres conveyed to date.

Future BRAC

Any new BRAC rounds must be authorized by Congress and to date they have not done so. Last week the Department of Defense officials announced they planned to seek two new rounds with the first being in 2015. The Army supports

that request. A future round of BRAC would enable the Army to identify excess infrastructure and align its infrastructure with its reduced force structure and create savings to apply against enduring mission requirements. Until Congress

enacts BRAC legislation, the Army's actions will be limited to minimal conceptual and organizational planning and will involve no installation or recommendation-specific BRAC analysis.

Sequestration

Specific impacts of sequestration to the BRAC program are not fully known. We are currently planning on a reduction of approximately 9%, the same as other Army and DoD programs. The Army will be able to fund our most critical known requirements but the

reductions result in fewer discretionary dollars available to accelerate property conveyance. If the sequestration results in furlough or release of our civilian employees, we expect that most actions will be delayed in proportion to the time lost to furlough.

We'll do our best to keep our agreements with our partners in communities affected by BRAC closures and we appreciate their patience and support.

In Memoriam

Mr. John Vignali, the BRAC Division's Consolidations Branch Chief, passed away on the 19th of February after a year-long battle with cancer. John joined the BRAC Division in 2005 as a Lieutenant Colonel after a tour in the Army's BRAC 2005 Total Army Basing Study (TABS) Group where he researched and

prepared many BRAC 2005's most transformational recommendations. Shortly after retiring from the military, John was selected as the Consolidations Branch Chief and served in that capacity for more than five years. His steady leadership and extensive BRAC expertise were

instrumental in the successful implementation of his branch's BRAC 2005 tasks. Though we can celebrate his many accomplishments and the legacy to the Army and Nation they represent, John, the person and teammate, will be sorely missed by the entire Army BRAC team.